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Re: Chief Joseph Hatchery Program - KEC-4  
Response to Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Carter:

Our office represents the City of Bridgeport, Washington ("City"). The City has asked us to comment on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Chief Joseph Hatchery Program issued on November 13, 2009 ("FEIS"), as the City has significant concerns regarding the project and the FEIS.

We understand that open public meetings were conducted on June 6, 2007 and June 7, 2007 to allow interested parties to comment on the project, including the draft environmental impact statement. The City commented orally at both meetings and requested a copy of a certain "dilution factor report" from your agency. However, the City has advised us that it did not receive such a report, as no such report was ever prepared. Based upon the review of the FEIS by representatives of the City, and our independent brief review, it appears that the City's comments/concerns have not been included in the FEIS.

The City continues to have concerns that the proposed hatchery project will negatively impact water quality in the region (which impact the City understands would be identified in the dilution factor report). The City is particularly concerned that fish waste and sewage run-off may contaminate the river and the City's drinking water. The City has three wells located down stream from the proposed hatchery site. The wells have been "yellow tagged" by the Washington State Department of Health due to complications with chlorination levels and the continuity of the river. The City is concerned that the proposed hatchery will cause fish waste and sewage to discharge into the river resulting in contamination of the river itself and the already ailing wells.

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The City is also concerned about the proposal for sewage treatment set forth in the FEIS. Section 2.1.5 of the FEIS provides, in relevant part, as follows:

Sanitary sewer will be treated via an on-site septic drain field system. Domestic wastewater from the hatchery would be relatively minor and could easily be handled by an on-site system. However, if soil conditions or other factors are found to prohibit this option, then a lift station and force main to the City of Bridgeport could be considered. Although not expected to be needed, the lift station/force main option would consist of a 2,000 gallon buried concrete tank, 2 submersible pumps, and a 2-to 4-inch-diameter plastic pipe extending about 3,000 feet to Bridgeport's nearest sewer main.

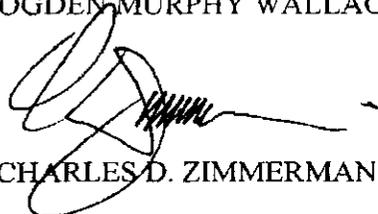
The arrangement for off-site treatment, including building a lift station or force main, to connect to City sewer mains, has not been previously discussed with or consented to by the City. The City is concerned that the cost of installing the proposed lift station and force main to connect to the City sewer system will be prohibitive to the project proponent. In that case, there is significant concern that the proponent will elect to construct the onsite treatment facility, which facility would be located entirely on fill dirt. As a result of constructing the septic system in the fill dirt, the sewage will likely run into the river and contaminate the City wells.

Although the FEIS purports to be a final decision with respect to the issues identified therein, the City respectfully requests your agency consider and address the City concerns identified in this correspondence before taking further action on this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mayor Steve Jenkins if you have any questions or concerns regarding the issues identified in this letter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Steve Jenkins, Mayor *(via e-mail only)*  
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